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List of Town Officers.

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH, 1893.

Moderator.....W. E. HIGBEE

Town Clerk.....E. F. HOLBROOK

—SELECTMEN—

GEORGE H. DAVIS, H. H. STILSON, S. W. MEAD

Town Treasurer.....WILLIAM SMITH

—LISTERS—

E. J. BOYCE, E. S. SLADE, W. H. MEAD

Overseer of the Poor.....R. C. MEAD

First Constable.....W. H. STARTUP

Second Constable.....JOHN C. CAMERON

—AUDITORS—

E. R. MORSE, R. C. MEAD, W. E. HIGBEE

Trustee of Public Money.....B. F. TAYLOR

—FENCE VIEWERS—

W. E. HIGBEE, E. F. HOLBROOK, JOHN FLANAGAN

—GRAND JURORS—

E. R. MORSE, H. H. STILSON

Pound Keeper.....JOHN NOONAN

Surveyor of Wood and Inspector }
of Shingles, M. C. WARNER

Inspector of Leather.....JOHN FLANAGAN

Agent to Prosecute and Defend Suits.....E. R. MORSE

Town Superintendent of Schools.....F. P. DAVISON

Selectmen's Report.

To the Tax Payers of the Town of Proctor:—

But five matters of especial interest have come before the Selectmen:—

Early in the past year your overseer of the poor and selectmen thought it best to provide some one place in which to care for all the town poor. The Chatterton stone house was leased and furnished for this purpose and since it was occupied there has been a marked decrease in the poor expense.

Another new departure has been the contracting for the medical care and medicine for paupers. This contract covers all cases, except where a second physician is necessary, and was awarded to Dr. H. L. Newell for one year from April.

The village trustees have transferred to the town highway account \$800, which enables us to pay all the highway expenses for the year, all interest on outstanding orders, and to reduce the highway debt \$400.

SELECTMEN'S ORDERS.

DRAWN DURING YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 15, 1893.

GENERAL ACCOUNT.

Order No. 2.	H. H. Blakely, services as overseer of poor, 1890-91	\$100 00
" No. 3.	Pelton Printing Co., 500 annual reports.....	27 00
" " 4.	B. F. Taylor Trust, interest on U. S. surplus fund	188 71
" " 5.	Treasurer of Village of Proctor, use of Village hall.....	25 00
" " 6.	F. P. Davison, services as Supt. of schools.....	26 00
" " 7.	School fund, deficiency on special 5 per cent. school tax.....	18 94
" " 11.	Dillingham & Huse, services on case of Cutter vs. Burleigh.....	40 00
" " 12.	C. E. Harris, recording vital statistics.....	13 80
" " 14.	Town Treasurer, deficit in state tax.....	65 33
" " 15.	H. F. Field, State Treas., balance state tax	964 31
" " 16.	Tuttle Company.....	3 75
" " 17.	H. F. Field, treasurer, 2 cents per capita of population of town of Proctor.....	34 10
" " 18.	H. F. Field, treasurer, state School tax.....	535 73
" " 19.	E. S. Slade, making out tax bills, receipts, etc	6 00
" " 21.	Pelton Printing Co., bill June 30.....	2 50
" " 22.	E. F. Holbrook, bills rendered May 25.....	12 00
" " 27.	Tuttle Co., bill August 24.....	5 00
" " 30.	E. S. Slade, acting treasurer, checks to order of M. J. Francisco & Son.....	7 92
" " 31.	E. S. Slade, acting treasurer, checks to order of treasurer of town of Woodford, judgment in Cutter case.....	36 54
" " 32.	Wm. Smith, treasurer, checks to order of Wayne Bailey, fees in insane and pauper case	5 50
" " 34.	F. H. Hurlburt, insurance policy on Church Street bridge.....	2 90
" " 39.	H. H. Swift, M. D., professional services for Kristina Cronnan.....	3 50
" " 40.	W. Smith, treasurer, checks to order of H. F. Field, payment of county tax.....	28 23
" " 33.	Wm. Smith, treasurer, checks to order of Tuttle Company.....	6 86
		<u>\$2159 62</u>

HIGHWAY ACCOUNT.

Order No. 1.	H. I. Reynolds, snowing bridge and breaking ice.....	\$5 25
" " 13.	Columbian Marble Co., 16 loads of coal ashes	2 40
" " 20.	Charles Ladabouche, labor on highway.....	4 55
" " 23.	A. B. Reynolds, " "	11 90
" " 24.	S. W. Mead " "	11 50
" " 25.	S. W. Mead " "	22 05
" " 26.	Jos. Decero " "	3 50
" " 28.	C. & P. R. R., bill July 7.....	127 64
" " 29.	Vermont Marble Co., bill August 29	233 80
" " 35.	B. Reynolds, labor on highway	7 00
" " 36.	Sam Geno " "	5 25
" " 37.	Jos. Geno " "	3 50
" " 38.	Village of Proctor, " "	1 75
" " 44.	S. W. Mead, " "	7 00
" " 45.	John McDevitt, " "	5 25
" " 46.	A. B. Reynolds, " "	7 00
" " 47.	W. F. Capron, " "	14 00
		<u>\$473 34</u>

DISTRIBUTION OF SCHOOL MONEY.

Order No. 8.	Treasurer Village of Proctor, share of public money	\$1380 42
" " 9.	Treasurer District No. 6, share of public money	87 56
" " 10.	Treasurer District No. 10, share of public money	169 61
		<u>\$1637 59</u>

DOG FUND.

Order No. 41.	A. B. Reynolds, sheep killed and injured....	\$32 00
" " 42.	Nahum Johnson est., sheep killed and injured	18 00
" " 43.	W. F. Capron, sheep killed	8 00
		<u>\$58 00</u>

SUMMARY.

Amount of orders drawn on general account.....	\$2159 62
" " " highway account.....	473 34
" " " school fund.....	1637 59
" " " dog fund.....	58 00
	<u>\$4328 55</u>

GEORGE H. DAVIS,
H. H. STILSON,
S. W. MEAD, } Selectmen.

Report of Overseer of the Poor.

The amount paid by the Town to each person receiving help is as follows :

George Audley.....	\$250 27
Darby Tigue.....	78 13
James Gutzweiler.....	56 16
L. Ferdette.....	12 75
——Poreau.....	30 00
O. Peterson.....	31 85
Mrs. Holmquist.....	32 43
O. Olson.....	41 22
Mrs. Lattenville.....	3 38
——, French family.....	21 00
K. K. Goruman.....	14 80
A. Danskeet.....	2 00
P. Laport, Jr.....	7 38
Lermonette.....	2 00
Joe Venson.....	5 00

\$588 37

Expenses for stone house.....	\$200 75
House rent.....	75 00
H. L. Newell, on contract.....	105 00
Mrs. Neiman, on contract.....	75 00

\$455 71

\$1044 08

OVERSEER'S ORDERS.

Order No. 1.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audley.....	\$20 00
" " 2.	Tim Noonan, for boarding Darby Tigue.....	16 00
" " 3.	H. L. Newell, for professional services as follows:	
	Darby Tigue.....	\$1 50
	Geo. Audley.....	1 50
	Jas. Gutzweiler.....	9 00
	L. Ferdette.....	12 75
	———	24 75
" " 4.	Tab. Geno, for boarding ——Poreau.....	15 00
" " 5.	John Curry, tor boarding Geo. Audley.....	20 00

Order No. 6.	Tim Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue.....	16 00
" " 7.	Fred Johnson, for attendance on O. Peterson.....	17 00
" " 8.	Lars Peterson, for boarding O. Peterson.....	14 85
" " 9.	H. C. Churchill, for potatoes.....	6 00
" " 10.	S. W. Mead, milk furnished Holmquist.....	4 35
" " 11.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audley.....	20 00
" " 12.	Tab. Geno, for boarding ——Poreau.....	15 00
" " 13.	Tim Noonan, for boarding D. Tigue.....	16 00
" " 14.	Sam Geno, 12 cords stove wood.....	21 00
" " 15.	Ladabouche & Co., meat to Jas. Gutzweiler.....	7 00
" " 16.	S. B. Arnold & Co., milk to Jas. Gutzweiler.....	6 80
" " 17.	H. L. Newell, 1 truss and services to Jas. Gutzweiler.....	4 78
" " 18.	W. H. Mead, meat to O. Olson.....	9 37
" " 19.	Vermont Marble Co., for merchandise.....	65 22
" " 20.	Tickets for French family.....	21 00
" " 21.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audley.....	20 00
" " 22.	Sam Geno, for plowing garden and moving Noonan.....	6 00
" " 23.	H. L. Newell, on contract.....	35 00
" " 24.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audley.....	20 00
" " 25.	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audley.....	20 00
" " 26.	Joe Blomfelt, boarding K. K. Goruman.....	6 00
" " 26.a	Mrs. Neiman, on contract.....	25 00
" " 27.	S. W. Mead, expenses to Brattleboro.....	8 80
" " 28.	S. B. Arnold & Co., milk, to town house....	6 00
" " 29.	Geo. Decero, digging grave for A. Danskeet.....	2 00
" " 30.	John Curry, boarding Geo. Audley.....	20 00
" " 31.	Vermont Marble Co., for merchandise.....	38 48
" " 32.	Vermont Marble Co., house rent.....	25 00
" " 31.a	Geo Decero, grave for Lermonette.....	2 00
" " 32.a	John Curry, for boarding Geo. Audley.....	20 00
" " 33.	Union Pacific Tea Co., tea and coffee.....	6 10
" " 34.	H. L. Newell, on contract.....	35 00
" " 35.	John Curry, boarding Geo. Audley.....	20 00
" " 36.	Mrs. Neiman, on contract.....	25 00
" " 27.a	Vermont Marble Co., house rent.....	25 00
" " 28.a	John Curry, boarding Geo. Audley.....	20 00
" " 29.a	Ladabouche & Co., meat to Gutzweiler.....	15 00
" " 28.aa	Ladabouche & Co., meat to O. Olson.....	6 22
" " 41.	John Curry, boarding, Geo. Audley.....	20 00
" " 42.	H. L. Newell, on contract.....	35 00
" " 43.	Chas. Campbell, coffin for Holmquist child..	5 00
" " 44.	Vermont Marble Co., for house rent.....	25 00
" " 45.	Mrs. Neiman, on contract.....	25 00

Order No. 46.	John Curry, boarding Geo. Audley.....	20 00
" " 47.	Vermont Marble Co., for merchandise.....	105 02
" " 48.	S. B. Arnold & Co., milk to town house....	11 00
" " 49.	S. B. Arnold & Co., milk to P. Laport, Jr....	3 64
" " 50.	W. H. Mead, meat to town house, \$36.21, and Laport, 49 cents.....	36 70
" " 51.	Chas. Campbell, coffin for Venson child.....	5 00
" " 52.	Union Pacific Tea Co., tea and coffee to town house.....	6 00

Total \$1044 08

Of the above orders No. 3, 10, in part, 19, 31, and 43, amounting to \$43.60, were issued for last year's account.

I have received of A. Danskeet estate..... \$2 00

Net poor expense..... \$1042 08

I sold 5 bushel potatoes, from town

house, at 30 per bushel..... 1 50

I kept 1 tramp..... 1 00

I paid cash for order book..... 50

I have included in my report:

Sheeting 2 50

Pillow slips..... 50

Two comforters..... 2 00

One bedstead..... 3 50

One mattress..... 2 25

Pillows..... 1 00

Rake 50

One teapot..... 25

One quilt..... 1 00

Three comforters..... 3 00

Sheeting 1 37

One mattress..... 2 25

One pair pillows..... 1 00

One bedstead..... 2 75

I also included the \$2.00 I received

from the Danskeet estate..... 2 00

Old bills..... 43 60

23 87

\$69 47

Actual cost of keeping poor..... \$974 61

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. MEAD.

Treasurer's Report.

GENERAL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, February 15, 1892.....	\$285 20
Cash, Town of Waterbury, account Cutter family.....	100 00
" " Overseer, and Vermont Marble Company account of George Battese, deceased.....	20 57
" " Town Tax, paid Treas. direct.....	2563 73
" " Special School Tax, paid Treas. direct.....	513 05
" " Additions to list.....	1 31
" " E. P. Butler, J. P., fines in breach of peace cases.....	20 00
" " Dog fund.....	65 30
" " W. H. Startup, Collector, Town, State and Special School taxes, 1891.....	7 48
" " W. H. Startup, Collector Town and Special school taxes, 1892.....	134 56
" " R. C. Mead, administrator estate A. Danskeet, paid by town for digging grave.....	2 00
	<u>\$3713 20</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid Overseer's orders current year.....	\$1023 44
" " Selectmen's order, No. 22 in part, outstanding February 15, 1892.....	556 20
" " Interest on above Selectmen's order.....	176 15
" " Selectmen's orders, current year.....	1195 31
" " Interest on Selectmen's orders, current year.....	8 64
Balance on hand.....	753 46
	<u>\$3713 20</u>

HIGHWAY FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, February 15, 1892.....	\$5 57
Cash, Highway Tax, paid Treas. direct.....	184 96
" " W. H. Startup, Collector tax 1892.....	63 08
" " Village of Proctor.....	800 00
	<u>\$1053 61</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid outstanding order No. 18, in part.....	\$400 00
“ Interest on outstanding orders	149 27
“ Selectmen's orders, current year.....	445 34
Balance on hand.....	59 00
	<u>\$1053 61</u>

STATE SCHOOL FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, February 15, 1892.....	\$1631 13
Cash, B. F. Taylor, interest U. S. Surplus fund, one year....	188 71
“ State Treas., Huntington fund.....	66 99
“ Interest on bank deposit.....	49 78
“ Town fund, balance 5 per cent. tax.....	18 94
“ Town of Rutland, rent of school lands.....	24 79
“ State Treas., our share special school tax.....	301 61
“ State School Tax, paid Treas. direct.....	1538 73
“ Additions to list.....	64
“ W. H. Startup, Collector tax, 1891.....	2 04
“ W. H. Startup, Collector tax, 1892.....	67 28
	<u>\$3890 64</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid outstanding orders.....	\$342 75
“ Village of Proctor, public money, 1892.....	1380 42
“ District No. 6, public money, 1892.....	87 56
“ District No. 10, public money, 1892.....	169 61
Balance on hand.....	1910 30
	<u>\$3890 64</u>

STATE TAX FUND.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand, February 15, 1892.....	\$865 78
Cash, Interest on bank deposit.....	33 20
“ Transferred from Town Fund.....	65 33
	<u>964 31</u>

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid balance State Tax of 1891.....	\$964 31
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DOG FUND.

Cash from Town Clerk, licenses.....	<u>\$105 30</u>
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DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid H. I. Reynolds, injury to sheep.....	\$32 00
“ W. T. Capron, “ “	8 00
“ Balance transferred to Town Fund.....	65 30
	<u>\$105 30</u>

STATEMENT OF TAXES, 1892.

Amount Town Tax Bill.....	\$2823 18
“ Paid Treasurer direct.....	\$2563 73
“ Four per cent. discount to taxpayers.....	107 90
“ Treasurer's fees.....	25 89
“ From Collector.....	112 13
“ Due from Collector.....	13 53—\$2823 18

Amount Highway Tax Bill.....	\$258 75
“ Paid Treasurer direct.....	\$ 184 96
“ Four per cent. discount to taxpayers.....	7 78
“ Treasurer's fees.....	1 86
“ From Collector.....	63 08
“ Due from Collector.....	1 07—\$258 75

Amount State School Tax Bill.....	\$1694 43
“ Paid Treasurer direct.....	\$1538 73
“ Four per cent. discount to taxpayers.....	64 76
“ Treasurer's fees.....	15 54
“ From Collector.....	67 28
“ Due from Collector.....	8 12—\$1694 43

Amount Special School Tax Bill.....	\$564 86
“ Paid Treasurer direct.....	\$513 05
“ Four per cent. discount to taxpayers.....	21 59
“ Treasurer's fees.....	5 18
“ From Collector.....	22 43
“ Due from Collector.....	2 61—\$564 86

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SMITH, Treasurer.

Auditors' Report.

To the Taxpayers of the Town of Proctor :

As Auditors of the Town of Proctor, we beg to submit our report as follows :

We have examined accounts the and vouchers of the Selectmen and Overseer, and also the various accounts of your Treasurer, and we find the financial condition of the Town as follows :

LIABILITIES.

U. S. Surplus Fund, borrowed.....	\$3538 44
One year's interest on same at 6 per cent.....	212 31
Selectmen's order No. 18, accepted July 23, 1890, highway account, balance due.....	1100 00
Selectmen's order No. 26, accepted Oct. 29, 1888, highway account.....	385 00
Accrued interest on same to Feb. 15, 1893.....	16 33
Selectmen's order No. 44.....	7 00
“ “ “ 46.....	7 00
“ “ “ 47.....	14 00
“ “ “ 22, general account, accepted Jan. 19, 1892, balance.....	2700 00
Interest on same to Feb. 15, 1893.....	20 25
Selectmen's order No. 42.....	18 00
Overseer's order No. 48.....	11 00
“ “ “ 49.....	3 64
“ “ “ 52.....	6 00
Total liabilities.....	<u>\$8038 97</u>

RESOURCES.

Cash in Treasurer's hands, General Fund.....	\$753 46
“ “ “ Highway Fund.....	59 00
Due from collector.....	17 21
	<u>\$829 67</u>

RECAPITULATION.

Total liabilities.....	\$8038 97
“ assets.....	829 67
Net liabilities.....	<u>\$7209 30</u>

The amount to be provided for by tax or otherwise for the coming year is estimated as follows :

Orders outstanding, General Fund.....	\$2738 64
Accrued and one year's interest on same.....	182 25
Orders outstanding, Highway Fund.....	1513 00
Accrued and one year's interest on same.....	105 43
Interest on U. S. Surplus Fund.....	212 31
Current expenses, estimated.....	200 00
Poor expenses, estimated.....	1200 00
	<u>\$6151 63</u>

We would recommend a tax of 20 cents on the dollar.

E. R. MORSE, }
R. C. MEAD, } Auditors.
W. E. HIGBEE, }



Trustee's Report.

I have received from the town of Proctor and paid over to the treasurer of said town \$188.71, interest on the U. S. surplus fund.

B. F. TAYLOR, Trustee.

PROCTOR, Vt., Feb. 15, 1893.

Justice Report.

STATEMENT OF CRIMINAL CAUSES TRIED BEFORE E. J. BOYCE,
Justice of the Peace, for the year ending Dec. 31, 1892.

DATE.	NAME.	OFFENCE.	FINE.	COSTS.	DISPOSITION.
1892 Oct. 14.	Philip Plant.	Assault.	\$5.00.	\$4.51.	Paid to Treasury.

I, E. J. Boyce, Justice of the Peace, do hereby certify that the above is the only criminal cause heard by me in which the town of Proctor is interested for the year ending on the 31st day of December, 1892.

E. J. BOYCE,
Justice of the Peace.

STATEMENT OF CRIMINAL CAUSES TRIED BEFORE S. W. MEAD,
Justice of the Peace, for the year ending Nov. 30, 1892.

DATE.	NAME.	OFFENCE.	FINE.	COSTS.	DISPOSITION.
Mar. 10	Maria Hartnett.	Assault.	\$5.00.	\$12.95.	Paid Court.
June 18	Timothy Noona.	"	1.00.	4.51.	" "

I, S. W. Mead, Justice of the Peace, do hereby certify that the above are the only criminal causes heard by me in which the town of Proctor is interested for the year last ending on the 30th day of November, 1892.

S. W. MEAD,
Justice of the Peace.

Report of Town Superintendent of Schools.

To the Selectmen of the Town of Proctor :

I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Proctor for the year ending March 1, 1893.

Although more changes in teachers in the Graded District have occurred than usual, owing to resignations and a few cases of unfitness, yet the school work has not suffered from the change, but, on the contrary, has in nearly every instance been benefited thereby. Every teacher in town is either a regular subscriber to some good educational journal or else has the reading of the same.

As another indication of the "professional spirit" which our teachers are manifesting, I would mention the following: Near the beginning of the Fall Term a professional line of reading was commenced by all the teachers in Town, including the teacher at District No. 10. Each teacher purchased and read "Howland's Practical Hints to Teachers," by the late George Howland, Superintendent of the Chicago schools. It is proposed to read one such book each Term throughout the year.

Teachers' meetings have been held at stated intervals, which have been regularly attended by all teachers of the Town. At these meetings papers have been read and discussions taken place upon methods in teaching Arithmetic, Reading, Geography, Language, Morals and Manners, and other subjects pertaining to school discipline and management. The interest taken by teachers in these meetings is commendable.

In the Graded Schools the following facts are noteworthy: In the Spring Term the High School graduated its first class, consisting of nine young ladies.

In connection with the closing exercises of the schools an exhibit of the work done in school was given, consisting of charts, maps, note, drawing and writing books; clay modeling from the Primary Schools; also number work and, in fact, every department of work that could be represented, was on exhibition, and parents and friends present took an active interest in examining the same.

Memorial Day and Columbus Day were observed by appropriate exercises.

By means of the usual appropriation on the part of the School Board, a set of Supplementary Readers were added to the Grammar School, which addition completes the equipment of our schools in this particular, each school now having a good supply of supplementary reading matter.

The importance of this addition cannot be overestimated, and the improvement made in reading since these readers were added is very marked.

A full supply of drawing materials have also been freely furnished, and the work in this line has steadily progressed. I would also call attention to the study of music as carried forward in the schools of the Graded District. It is a constant surprise and pleasure to me to note what good work can be done in teaching pupils to sing when under the right instruction, and that the pupils of our Graded Schools have such instruction can be easily verified by a visit to any one of the several schools during the singing period.

Any report of these schools would be incomplete without at least a brief recognition of the interest taken by the members of the School Board to secure the best results therein.

During the summer vacation, besides fitting up a new school with all modern appliances, all the school rooms received proper attention and repairs were made, which are heartily appreciated by teachers and pupils. The citizens of the Village of Proctor are to be congratulated that they have a School Committee that is wise and efficient.

District No. 10 has retained the same teacher as last year, and I am glad to commend her earnest efforts in the behalf of her school. She has taken up the course of reading previously mentioned and has also attended a good number of teachers' meetings, and there has been evident improvement; but nevertheless the quality of instruction given is not what the outlay and needs of the District warrants or demands. There are School Committees who have yet to learn that the scholarship requisite to meet the Teachers' Examination does not of necessity imply ability to teach, and that no business or profession calls for a deeper insight, wiser methods, or more delicate or skillful treatment, or is more important to society than that of quickening the intellect and developing and molding the character of those who, as men and women, are soon to control all our interests.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK P. DAVISON.

Proctor, Feb. 15, 1893.

== NOTICE. ==



The legal voters in town meeting of the town of Proctor are hereby warned to meet at the Village Hall in the Village of Proctor, on Tuesday the 7th day of March, A. D., 1893, at 11 o'clock A. M., to act on the following matters, to wit:

1. To choose a moderator to govern said meeting.
2. To choose the necessary town officers for the ensuing year.
3. To see if the town will vote to raise a school tax of more than 20 cents on the dollar; and if so, how much.
4. To see if the town will vote to raise more than 25 cents on the dollar highway tax, as required by law.
5. To see if the town will vote to raise the whole of the special state tax, 15 cents on the dollar, or only two-thirds of same, as provided in No. 247 of the laws of 1892.
6. To see if the town will vote to raise money, by taxation, or otherwise, to pay current expenses and the indebtedness of the town, and to see at what time the same and highway tax and other taxes that may be voted shall be payable.
7. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Sections 382 to 388, inclusive of the Revised Laws and amendments thereto, for the collection of taxes.
8. To see if the town will vote any compensation to town officers.
9. To choose grand and petit jurors.
10. To transact any other business which may legally come before said meeting.

GEO. H. DAVIS, H. H. STILSON, S. W. MEAD,	}	Selectmen.
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PROCTOR, VT., Feb. 18, 1893.